

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ALASKA COASTAL COMMUNITIES GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT.

WHEREAS, people from Alaska coastal communities, including Dillingham, came together for the Alaska Coastal Gathering held in Homer, February 24-26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, participants of the Alaska Coastal Gathering received presentations from scientists and experts regarding the causes and effects of global climate change and ocean acidification, including recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change regarding the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to prevent catastrophic impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, participants of the Alaska Coastal Gathering received presentations from experts regarding the potential for development of renewable energy in Alaska such as wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, and ocean energy generation; and

WHEREAS, participants of the Alaska Coastal Gathering received presentations regarding the economic opportunities associated with the transition from “business as usual” to a sustainable economy; and

WHEREAS, participants of the Alaska Coastal Gathering received a presentation from congressional staff regarding the political landscape and pending legislation in Congress that could assist Alaska communities in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving money, and developing sustainable economies; and

WHEREAS, presenters and participants of the Alaska Coastal Gathering discussed in detail the causes and effects of global climate change, ocean acidification, the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, renewable energy and economic opportunity, state and federal legislation, and the uniqueness of people living in Alaska coastal communities whose way of life and economy depend on a healthy ocean; and

WHEREAS, participants of the Alaska Coastal Gathering developed statements, positions, and recommendations by consensus to form the content of the Alaska Coastal Communities Global Climate Change Compact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dillingham, Alaska fully supports the Alaska Coastal Communities Global Climate Change Compact and hereby adds its name as a signatory to the compact.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on June 4, 2009.

SEAL:

Keggie Tubbs, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Karen McCambly, City Clerk